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**Importance:** High

FYI. Mark Salley, PIO at CDPHE just called about a significant mine blowout at the Gold King mine near Silverton that has or is expected to send a large volume of water/heavy metals through Cement Creek and the Animas, affecting Silverton and downstream. I have no details beyond Mark's vm, but Mark seems to think this would be our lead in terms of a response and notifying downstream water users, intakes etc. Not sure that conclusion necessarily makes sense to me but we should discuss... I'll let you know if I receive additional info. Please share if you have info as well.

Rich

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